



The UK government hosted an international conference to urge action on Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB) for all, on 5/6 July in London.

The conference brought together governments, parliamentarians, faith and belief representatives, and civil society. The event inspired a number of fringe events and the APPG for Pakistani Minorities participated in a number of those events, firstly 'The Right to Education and Pakistani Minorities'. The APPG Chair, Jim Shannon MP, Co-Chair Lord Alton participated. The other speakers included distinguished human rights advocate and educationalists from Pakistan Mr Peter Jacob and Mrs Nabila Feroz Bhatti, as well as the APPG Senior Legal Advisor Professor Javaid Rehman.



The event had a good attendance, and...



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...people came from as far away as Belgium and Holland to participate in the meeting.



Professor Javaid Rehman also participated in a discussion seminar in the main conference, on forced marriages and girls' vulnerabilities. The participants included distinguished scholars from around the globe.

Finally, the APPG participated in a joint event with the Aid to the Church in Need, Open Doors and the Coptic Church in the UK, on Forced Conversions and Forced Marriages of Minority Girls.

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